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## update on Utah fossil mine permits and leases

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Robert Drachuk <selections@shaw.ca>  
To: Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Wed, Oct 12, 2016 at 8:06 PM

Hello Peter,

Sorry for the delay.

Apparently if your poor your not a priority for a lawyer. My lawyer only seems to move when I prod him.

After a recent prodding he finally started final negotiations with the government. I expect to finalize this case before spring. Otherwise I have no change in plans. I expect to resume collecting in Utah as soon as possible, which I expect now will be in the spring. I'm sorry for any inconvenience, I just don't have the money to travel south and take care of things until I get some compensation from the government. The stroke left me with some permanent disabilities which has made it difficult to find a job, but fossil collecting and preparation is still something, maybe the last thing, I can still do.

Robert Drachuk

— Original Message —

**From:** Peter Brinton

**To:** Robert Drachuk

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2016 4:55 PM

**Subject:** update on Utah fossil mine permits and leases

Hi Robert,

It has been nearly a year since we last emailed, and I decided to check in and see how things are going. Last we communicated, you were hoping for a settlement sometime this fall, and to be able to re-lease the Utah state lands with your permitted fossil mines and associated disturbance. When you get a minute in the next couple days, will you please give me an update on your current and anticipated situation? Thanks. I'll be gone on Thursday, fyi.

Hopefully you are feeling well.

Peter

On Sun, Dec 27, 2015 at 2:35 PM, Robert Drachuk <selections@shaw.ca> wrote:  
Peter,

I talked to my lawyer a short time back and he said if there are no complications I should have a settlement sometime in the fall of 2016. I should be able to reacquire the coral quarry around that time. It was mentioned September was when the leases could be bid on? I don't see anything preventing me from reacquiring the lease at that time. We could clean up the Penn. coral site then with the bond and such.

Also, I haven't received any paper work for the the re-lease of the northern half of the Elrathia lease.

Thank you, Robert Drachuk

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